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February 7, 1952

My dear Mr. Smith:

For several years the Department of State, together with other interested executive departments and agencies, has been seeking a solution which might enable action to be taken upon requests for Congressional consent for acceptance of foreign decorations bestowed upon military personnel and civilian employees of the United States Government.

There is enclosed for your consideration and comment a brief statement of the problem, its background, and possible solutions.

To facilitate Congressional action, the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee has requested that the Department of State obtain from each interested executive department and agency the following:

- (1) A statement outlining departmental procedures relating to the subject of foreign decorations with applicable regulations attached;
- (2) Suggested principles which might be used as guidance in reviewing individual awards;
- (3) An estimate of the number of individual cases contained in the draft omnibus bill now before Congress which might fall in the categories involved in your recommendations;
- (4) Comments, in order of preference, on each of the possible alternatives listed in the attached statement.

Any

The Honorable
Walter B. Smith,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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Any additional comments or suggestions concerning this subject which you might wish to make will be most welcome. We should appreciate receiving the above-mentioned information by February 29, 1952. Mr. George Gray, Extension 5005, shall be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Jack K. McFall
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

Statement.

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